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## Amazon Opens Doors in San Bernardino Creating 700 Full Time Jobs More than 1000 New Amazon Jobs Created This Year

San Bernardino, Calif. – The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) today announced that Amazon has opened a distribution center in San Bernardino that will create 700 full-time jobs and hundreds of additional seasonal jobs during the holiday season. This is the second new Amazon facility in California, following the company's May announcement of a distribution center in Patterson that will employ 350.

"This is another example of how California is leading the country in job creation," said Governor Brown. "Last year I worked with legislative leaders and Amazon to craft a fair deal to help California's economic recovery. We're seeing the benefits today with this announcement."

GO-Biz Director Kish Rajan joined San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris, Senator Bob Dutton, Board of Equalization Member George Runner and Amazon General Manager Eric Lewis for the facility dedication.

"We are proud that Amazon, a company at the forefront of technology and consumer interaction, continues to grow with California," said Director Rajan. "Amazon has now brought more than 1,000 new jobs to California as they continue to expand in our state."

Amazon is one of many major companies that have relocated or expanded in California in the last year including Samsung, Dell, Altec, Zollner, Advanced Call Center Technologies, Sutter Health and more. All of these companies performed nationwide searches for places to relocate or expand and ultimately chose California, creating thousands of new jobs across the state.

"San Bernardino is a wonderful place to call home and we're grateful to those who helped us bring new jobs and investment to the community," said General Manager Eric Lewis. "We will continue to hire and look for additional ways to partner with local and state organizations." The Amazon site in San Bernardino has one million square feet of floor space and will ship packages that range from electronics to toys and general appliances, to name a few. The average wage at Amazon fulfillment centers is 30 percent higher than that of people who work in traditional retail stores--and that doesn't even include the stock grants that full-time employees receive, which over the past five years have added an average of 9 percent to base pay annually. Amazon also offers full-time benefits including healthcare. Amazon is accepting applications for the facility and applicants interested in a position can visit: <a href="https://www.workatamazonfulfillment.com">www.workatamazonfulfillment.com</a>.

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more. For more information visit:

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